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For : A METHOD FOR GENERATING PLANT DIVERSITY BY
INCORPORATION OF MICROSATELLITE SEQUENCES
INTO THE PLANT GENOME

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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 6, 2006 NOTIFICATION
OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN
THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

This Communication is submitted in response to the July 6, 2006 Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (hereinafter as "Notice") issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the July 6, 2006 Notice is hereby attached as **Exhibit A** (2 pages). A response to the Notice is due on September 6, 2006. Therefore, this Communication is being timely filed.

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Declaration

Applicants hereby submit a copy of the duly executed declaration as **Exhibit B** (3 pages) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 which identifies the application by the above application number and filing date. The surcharge for the late filing of the declaration is sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) for a small entity. Applicants hereby enclose a check in the amount of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) for the payment of the surcharge.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

No fee other than the sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) surcharge fee for the late filing of the declaration is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/26/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/26/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/26/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 09/26/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 09/26/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 09/26/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/26/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/26/2005
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27,

must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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